

Introduction

This booklet contains straightforward and sensible advice, directed mainly to Australian home-owners and builders, about ways of avoiding or minimising the risk of becoming a victim of certain types of crime. It is a booklet which forms part of a series being produced by the Australian Institute of Criminology designed to assist all citizens to make our nation a safer place in which to live.

In the past we have too frequently viewed crime prevention as something dealt with entirely by the police. That view is now undergoing rapid change. As this series demonstrates there is a great deal which can be done by individuals, neighbourhoods local authorities, planners and others to reduce the incidence and fear of crime.

We welcome your comments about this booklet, and your ideas and advice about other topics which might be included in the series.

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